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*Sanitary report from Vera Cruz.*VERA CRUZ, MEXICO, *June 8, 1899.*

SIR: The yellow fever situation here remains about the same. The rainy season commenced on the 6th, and was accompanied by the largest mortality for any one day of the epidemic. I have heard of several cases along the line of the railroad, but have been unable to get any reliable information on the subject.

The Mexican Government has done nothing in the way of quarantining the disease, and the municipal authorities have taken no steps to enforce their sanitary regulations. The fever is not considered infectious or contagious, and constant intercourse is kept up between the sick rooms and the clubs, offices, and every conceivable place in town. Among the foreigners, it is the custom for the friends to take turns at nursing, and strange to say there has not been a single case of contagion reported, notwithstanding the fact that not one in ten is immune.

The mortality record for the past week, ended June 8, is as follows: Yellow fever cases reported, 149; deaths from yellow fever, 68; deaths from all causes, 118. The shipping continues free from infection.

Respectfully, yours,

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TURKEY.

Sanitary report from Constantinople.

[Report No. 219.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *June 1, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report:

PLAGUE IN ALEXANDRIA.

The sanitary news from Alexandria announces fresh cases of bubonic plague. I have already mentioned the first 2 cases announced by wire May 20. Two more plague cases were announced on the 24th of the same month. On the 27th the appearance of 3 fresh cases were wired, as well as 1 on the 28th. On the 29th it was announced that 2 of the above mentioned plague cases proved fatal.

I have the honor to forward a French copy of the report of Dr. Gotschlich, sanitary inspector of the city of Alexandria, to the general director of the municipality of said town, by which report it will be seen how difficult it is to find out the very first case, the origin of the Alexandria plague manifestation. Very likely the washerwoman who is mentioned in said report has unknowingly spread the evil, by mixing the clothing of her clients among whom, very probably, someone was suffering from the fatal disease.

QUARANTINE MEASURES AGAINST PLAGUE.

Fresh sanitary steps have been taken by the International Sanitary Commission in order to defend the Turkish Empire from such an evil. At its sitting of the 30th of last month the International Sanitary Commission decided not to allow the disembarking of cereals coming from Egypt without landing it in a lazaretto. Egyptian rice coming to Con-